



FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--February 1982

I. GENERAL

The bureau chief met on 12 February with two visiting IC staff members for a briefing on bureau operations. They were particularly interested in the effects of the FSN classification system on the bureau (having obviously gotten an earful before hitting Hong Kong). The problems of finding and retaining qualified Mandarin speakers in Hong Kong and the difficulties of competing with private industry were discussed. They expressed the opinion that FBIS performed a very valuable service on a small budget and wondered what we could do with more money.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Publications Procurement -- February saw the resumption of several PRC newspaper and journal subscriptions that had been in jeopardy the month before. The problems began when both the Consulate Press Procurement Unit and its counterpart in Beijing inexplicably allowed several subscriptions to lapse. After much bureau intercession and coordination, the papers started arriving on schedule at the beginning of February, including one title, NINGXIA RIBAO, we had been unable to obtain. HUBEI RIBAO, however, is no longer available. No one is sure why or how long this situation will last but political problems in Hubei Province have been suggested as a possible cause.

2. Service to Embassy Beijing -- On 7 February, the bureau received an urgent phone call from Embassy Beijing political officer Charles Martin requesting the widely reported Reuter interviews with PRC Vice Premier Wan Li and Vice Foreign Minister Zhong Xidong. The interviews had created interest for, among other things, Wan's reference to Deng Xiaoping's retreat to the "second line" and Zhong's reference to a "crisis"

in Sino-U.S. relations. After ascertaining that the celebrated Beijing interviews were available almost everywhere but Beijing, the bureau filed them only to the embassy.

3. Immigrant Status -- DPO Richard Williams has taken up the case of press monitor [] who was turned down by the Department of State for special immigrant status. Although the consular section had said no appeal against the decision could be made, the DPO has asked the personnel office and the consular section to make further enquiries into the matter with the Department in an attempt to get the decision reversed.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. EOD--Radio monitor [] on 16 February.

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2. Resignation--Radio monitor [] on 26 February.

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B. Building and Grounds

Recommended steps to upgrade bureau security were completed with the installation of the closed circuit television system. Both hallway doors leading to the FBIS and DEA area are now locked, sealing off the corridor to the general public.

IV. VISITS

To the Bureau

1. [] chief, Okinawa Bureau, 10-13 February.

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2. Stewart Branch, deputy assistant secretary for communications, Department of State, on 16 February for a tour of the bureau communications center. He was accompanied by Jim Taylor, regional communications program officer, headquartered in Manila.

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Attachments:

A. Production Report

cc: Orig. + 3 Hqs.

Chief, Okinawa and Seoul Bureaus

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	566,429
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	75,685
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	706

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

MIN.	MIN.	ISSUES
4,270	4,200	171

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA

BEIJING DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	940
BEIJING CITY SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1,060
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8,170
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13,200
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN CANTONESE	330
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	15,820
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5,340
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1,900
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3,050
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8,560
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2,380

MANDARIN	1,320
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	1,580
TIANJIN CITY SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	3,160
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	4,180
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	11,674
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	9,400
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	2,060
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	11,870
BEIJING XINHUA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
CHINESE	910
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN	
CHINESE	14,680
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN	
ENGLISH	7,980
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	12,570
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	22,030
BEIJING HONGQI IN	
CHINESE	134,540
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN	
CHINESE	6,320
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	55,250
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	99,890
BEIJING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	3,570
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN	
CHINESE	5,660
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN	
CHINESE	0

HONG KONG CHANWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHISHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	1,920
HONG KONG HSIANG KANG SHIH PAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN	
CHINESE	3,360
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN	
CHINESE	1,510
HONG KONG MING PAO YUEHKAN IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	780
HONG KONG STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	1,390
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	16,800
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	1,650
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	8,180

PHILIPPINES	
BAGUIO MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION IN	
ENGLISH	380
MANILA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	10,835
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	6,130

CHINESE	560
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING WEN YI BAO IN	
CHINESE	10,750
BEIJING XIN SHI QI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANZIAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN IN	
CHINESE	1,010
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,920
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,170
GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,880
HARBIN HEILONGJIANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,590
JINAN DAZHONG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN	
CHINESE	3,650
SHENYANG LIAONING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,570
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2,260
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	7,130
TIANJIN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	850
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	3,760